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Middle School Student Stabs Classmate in Russia's Yekaterinburg

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A seventh-grade student in the city of Yekaterinburg was arrested for stabbing a classmate following an argument, the state-run TASS news agency reported Tuesday.

Investigators said the altercation between the two 13-year-old boys began after one allegedly "ruined" the other's notebook. The confrontation escalated, and one of the boys retaliated by stabbing the other with a sharp object.

A video, purportedly of the incident, shows a brief scuffle before one of the boys brandishes what appears to be a knife.

Law enforcement authorities said that the victim had been bullying his classmate by repeatedly splashing him with water.

"One of the teenagers hurled insults, sparking a fight. When the victim noticed a sharp, bladed object in his opponent's hand, he tried to escape the scene — but he didn't make it in

time," a police spokesman was quoted as saying by TASS.

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The local prosecutor's office said the injured student was hospitalized but in "satisfactory" condition.

"An ambulance crew examined the student, provided the necessary assistance, and transported him to a hospital in Yekaterinburg," the regional branch of Russia's Ministry of Health said.

Authorities said neither student had a prior criminal record.

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